

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families and Children's Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Palmer.

Representative Dean moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4482 before the committee.

**HB 4482**      **Clack** Human services; other; sanction for certain noncompliance; clarify.

Ron Hicks and Don Mussen of the Michigan Department of Human Services testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Accavitti moved to report HB 4482 with recommendation. **The motion prevailed 6-0-1.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Sheen, Hoogendyk.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: Rep. Stahl.**

William Sabado, Alma Stallworth, Ethel Suttice, Lois Goodwin, Regina Powdrill, and Kevin Bryant of the Lula Belle Stewart Center testified and gave an overview of the organization's services and objectives. Mr. Sabado, Ms. Stallworth, Ms. Suttice, Ms. Goodwin, Ms. Powdrill, and Mr. Bryant also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Linda Bielskis of Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties testified on the organization's foster care program. Ms. Bielskis also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Hammon moved to excuse the absence of Representative Palmer. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**Representative Brenda Clack, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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